

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Appl. Serial No.:** 10/517,392

**Confirmation No.:** 5578

**Inventor:** Paolo Botti, et al.

**TC/A.U.:** 1654

**Filed:** June 17, 2005

**Examiner:** Gudibande,  
Satyanarayan R.

**Title:** Carboxy Protection Strategies for Acidic C-Terminal  
Amino Acids in Chemical Ligation of Oligopeptides

**Amendment and Reply to Office Action**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 12, 2008 in the above-captioned case,  
the Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3.

---

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being electronically filed via EFS-Web at the  
United States Patent and Trademark Office, on the date shown below.

Sept 12, 2008  
Date of Deposit

Richard San Pietro  
Richard San Pietro